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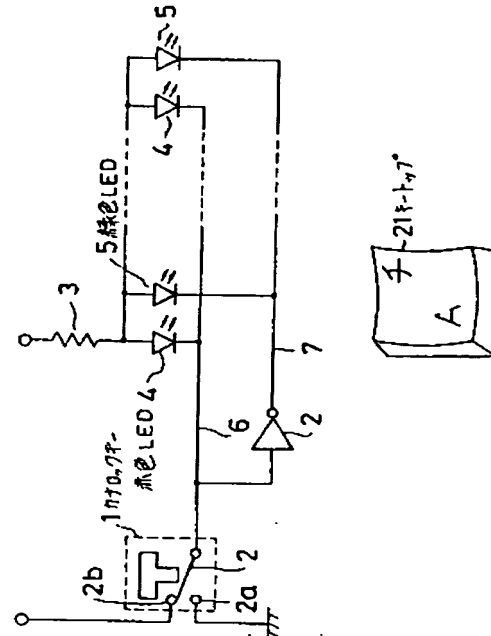
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TITLE : KEYBOARD DEVICE



ABSTRACT : PURPOSE: To clearly show a character inputted with push of a character input key by driving the light emitting source of a prescribed color in response to the working of a switch key and illuminating the roman alphabet and KANA (Japanese syllabary) characters in each due color.

CONSTITUTION: A switch 2 is connected to a red light emitting diode LED 4 and also to a green LED 5 via an inverter 2. When a KANA lock key 1 is not pushed, the lead wires 6 and 7 are set at high and low levels respectively. Thus the LED 4 provided to each key is not turned on and the LED 5 is turned on. As a result, a red letter 'A' shown on a key top 21 out over the LED seems clearly as a complementary color. Meanwhile a green KANA character 'CHI' is not made distinct in terms of colors of the same kind. Thus an operator can always recognize the type of the input character and can be free from the misinput of characters.

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